



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held May 27, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Access to Housing for Health (AHH) is a pilot program that directly addresses the tragic problem of discharging homeless patients from County hospitals back to the emergency shelter care system. Obviously, this is a core challenge that is recognized as a significant factor that perpetuates chronic homelessness.

“This program was initiated on my motion in 2006, and is administered by the Department of Health Services. AHH provides extensive case management and supportive services to homeless persons discharged from the County hospitals. AHH clients are moved to a transitional setting, then directly into permanent housing, utilizing Section 8 vouchers or Public Housing units set aside by the Housing Authorities of the County and City of Los Angeles. Over 60% of the clients we have served under the AHH program are now permanently housed, most within six months or less of program enrollment. Currently, there are 11 clients in transitional housing receiving services while awaiting housing placement.

“This pilot program will sunset on December 30, 2008. However, the outcomes we are seeing with the AHH program are a very strong indicator that this innovative approach meaningfully addresses hospital discharge policies countywide. I believe that the AHH program is making a positive impact, and we need to build on this success and continue it.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was directed to utilize \$1.5 million in unspent, one-time Homeless Prevention Initiative funding to continue the Access to Housing for Health program for two more years, and utilize the remaining vouchers and Public Housing certificates, extending the sunset date to December 30, 2010.

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